

of our citizens. The universal feasts and rejoicings which have lately been had on account of the successes of the French shewed the genuine effusion of their hearts. (To William Short, 1793. F. V., 153.)

FRENCH REVOLUTION.—Our news from France continues to be good and to promise a continuance. The event of the revolution there is now little doubted of, even by its enemies. The sensation it has produced here, and the indications of them in the public papers have shown that the form our own government was to take depended much more on the events of France than any body had before imagined. The tide which, after our former relaxed government, took a violent course toward the opposite extreme, and seemed ready to hang everything round with the tassels and baubles of monarchy, is now getting back as we hope to a just means, a government of laws addressed to the reason of the people, and not to their weaknesses. (To T. M. Randolph, 1793. F. VI., 157.)

FRENCH REVOLUTION.—The death of the King of France has not produced as open condemnations from the Monocrats as I expected. I dined the other day in a company where the subject was discussed. I will name the company in the order in which they manifested their partialities; beginning with the warmest Jacobinism and proceeding by shades to the most heartfelt aristocracy. Smith (N. Y.), Coxe, Stewart, T. Shippen, Bingham, Peters, Breck, Meredith, Wolcott. It is certain that the ladies of this city [Philadelphia] of the first circle are all open-mouthed against the murderers of a sovereign, and they generally speak those sentiments which the more cautious husband smothers. (To James Madison, 1793. F. VI., 192.)

FRENCH REVOLUTION.—The war between France and England seems to be producing an effect not contemplated. All the old spirit of 1776 is rekindling. The newspapers from Boston to Charleston prove this; and even the Monocrat papers are obliged to publish the most furious Philippics, against England. A French frigate took a British prize off the capes of Delaware the other day and sent her up here. Upon her coming into sight thousands and thousands of the yeomanry of the city crowded